

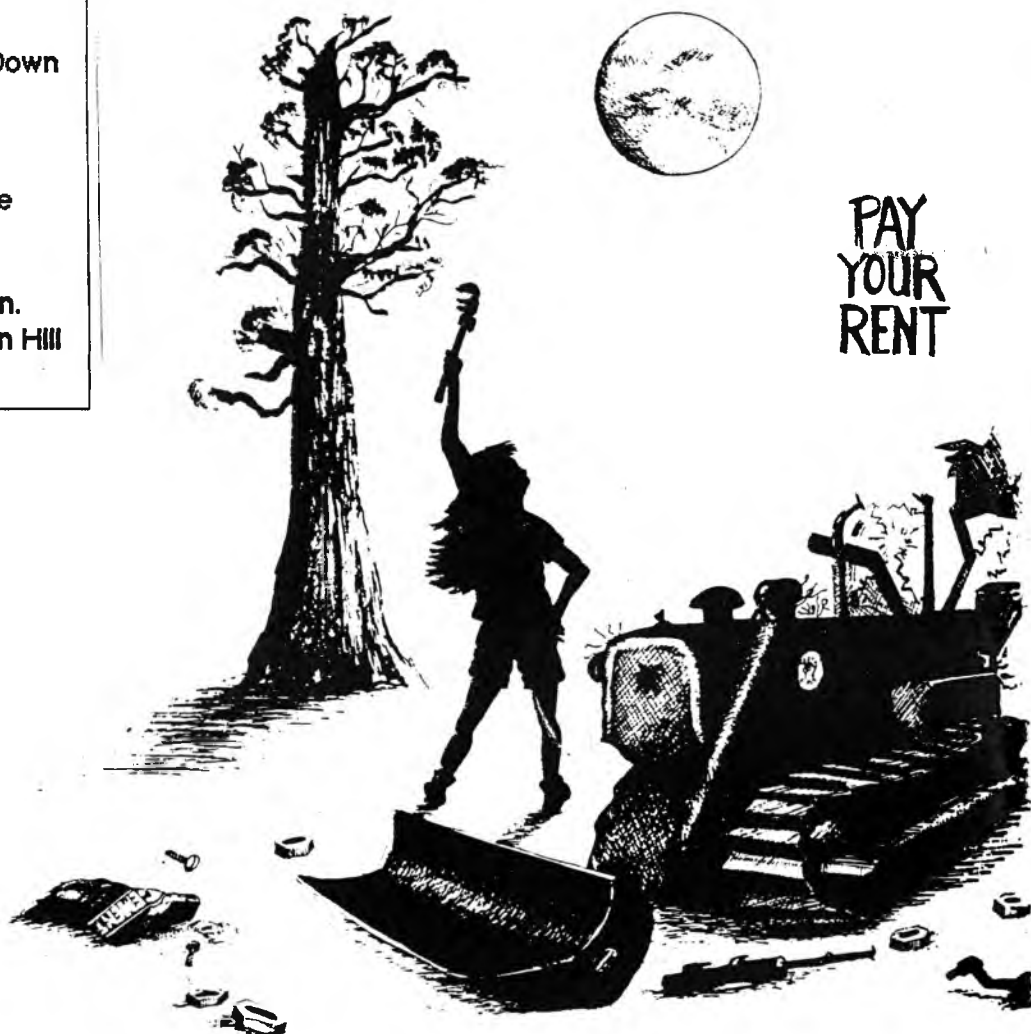
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The voice of the British Earth First! movement

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ACTION UPDATE !

Merseyside

Green Action/Earth First !

Mersey Green Action/Earth First ! is planning to hold a day of non-violent direct action on and at the premises of ICI Runcorn on Friday February 29th. As yet we have not decided which of the two plants to target, but as both plants produce the same toxic filth and are situated close close to each other, so if enough people turn out their is no reason why both cannot be hit.

ICI Castner Kellner

The North West N.R.A. allows this plant to discharge over 70 billion litres of toxic effluent every year into the Weston Canal which in turn flows into the River Mersey. This plant also discharges five tonnes of Mercury and over 100 tonnes of Halogenated Hydrocarbons from over 30 outlet pipes. These chemicals are highly toxic and likely to accumulate.

ICI Rocksavage

ICI Rocksavage discharges over 6 billion litres of polluting effluent every year into the Weston Canal. It also discharges over 200 tonnes of Halogenated Hydrocarbons and Hexachlorobutadiene-butadiene every year. If this were not enough they also pump out Carbon Tetrachloride, which is a prominent ozone destroyer.

Both plants have been caught illegally discharging heavy metals such as zinc, copper mercury, and chromium. Both Castner Kellner and Rocksavage produce CFC.s the single largest known destroyer of this planets ozone layer.

As with some EF! actions the police have been notified as have the press- both local & National. We would be grateful if you could write to us telling us if you will be coming & how many will be with you. The mutual Aid Centre will be available- bringing your own placards, banners, Kryptoes etc.

Mid-Somerset EF!

The group has had its ups and downs, though small it does have a good network with other labour and Eco-groups in the area. This has helped when coming down to pushing for greater imagination in actions. The group has been out sabbing the local hunt, managing to totally spoil the West somerset Hunt, with only six of us. There have been of course the usual bruises and roughing up that hunt sabbers the country wide come up against.

ning a Wessex wide magazine. There is also a Somerset Greens Conference coming about in the spring.

Oxford Bike blockade

On 5th December 92, rush hour traffic in Oxford was grid-locked when cyclists from Green Action and Cycloz began pedalling en masse around the plain, a strategic roundabout in the city infamous for the number of accidents careless motorists have caused those on pushbike. The cops took over half an hour to arrive after their patrol car and van were trapped in the jam stretching all the way down Oxford High Street. Worse for them-was that the cyclists were behaving entirely legally. To break up the demo, they were eventually forced to arrest one GA! activist for riding without lights, and threatened others with the same fate. naturally they couldn't catch

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POWER AND MAGIC IN IT.
BEGIN IT NOW.**

Goethe

The big issue is the new relief road which is due to be started in February. This will trash an old railway line presently used as a public walkway- much of this area is now quite wild. Though most people seem apathetic towards the relief road (never being given real alternatives by the council), there are still a lot against it and we will attempt to muster them when the building begins. we have already stated that we "Fight to the End".

The health food boycott sheet has gone bloody bananas, with thousand of copies around the country- and some in the states we believe. We hope to get an up dated version out by the new year.

As for 93, well we hope to muster more folk to back up SSEF! Whatley Quarry campaign, also we are planning joint action with the wobblies (IWW) over coal imports in support of the miners. We have also been offered the chance to start up a resource centre, so that an effective eco-community defence network can be set up- we will be run-

them as they cycled away down the empty exit lanes. The arrestee was subsequently released without charge. Many involved look forward to more of the same in the future...

Leeds EF!

After a slight collapse, we have pieced together the group once again, a bit wobbly but we feel it will now gather strength. we are going to do some talks and discussions in Jan and Feb. on Deep Ecology vs. Social Ecology (or deep and social Ecology), Permaculture, and (on the 7th Feb.) the second Social Ecology Network gathering is to be held in Leeds.

We're looking forward to supporting Liverpool's ICI action, but plan no actions of our own (Thorn Moor looks well of the agenda. I'm afraid). Following our action against the Yorkshire Post, we understand they are reviewing their sources of paper- this may call for a party or for further actions. Our action against Lloyd's and Midland in November was small but successful: 3 people locked on to the counter, which the fire brigade had to dismantle. No arrests, no hassle.

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South Somerset EF!

SSEF! have been up to its eyes in fighting Whatley Quarry expansion as well as being involved in the Dongas campaign, on many occasions we have attempted to show the ARC link with the destruction of Twyford Down.

Actions over the summer at Whatley have been quite confrontational, with a few injuries on occasion. SSEF! successfully managed to blockade the quarry gates for a morning. There was a very large backlog of trucks lining up for delivery, which stretched right down the road into the village.

In October SSEF! targeted ARC offices in Frome, dumping a load of stone in the entrance of the building. This was then staffed by EF!ers and local Druids. The entrance was held for a few hours, attempts to remove people and stone proved hopeless, only after the (we expect the entire) police force came out in large numbers, was the line broken. Through this action and others a large Anti-Quarry campaign is coming together from the locals.

Twyford Down has seen SSEF! put a lot of energy into networking and publicising the issue outside the Hampshire area. We have also been instrumental in researching Tripod tactics etc. For 93, we are working on forming a regional anti-road campaign and providing resources to local groups fighting for ecology.

Tamar valley EF!

Devonport Dockyard

The planned expansion of Devonport dockyard to allow the refitting of Trident submarines needs to be strongly challenged. As usual, it will be the workers at the yard who will be most at risk and we need to join with them to defeat the new plans and stop the refitting of trafilgar class submarines as well, if the work has to be done-*let the bosses do it!*

The dockyard could be used for civilian purposes such as building lifeboats and buses. The local community should be given back their marketplace and the military kicked out of plymouth once and for all! There need not be huge job losses and if the workers controlled the dock yard there'd be a lot less pollution entering the Tamar & the Sound.

Motorway Madness

Plans are afoot to upgrade the A38 from Exeter to Plymouth to a motorway. Oh yes, and they're thinking of building a second Tamar road bridge as well. We know that

car use will expand to fill these expansions within a matter of years. If we had a decent public transport network and people lived closer to their work place we wouldn't need such ridiculous road building schemes. But the logic of greed and the power of the car lobby will rule for some time to come. We won't be surprised if fellow EF!ers take action when these developments begin.

More attacks on Central park

Even though the proposals to build another unwanted supermarket on Central park were dropped a few months ago, we won't be surprised if the developers try their dirty tricks again. The local community who use the park for spiritual and physical renewal, (and for taking their dogs for a shit), were up in arms before so next time we will be right behind them if the treat to the park re-appears.

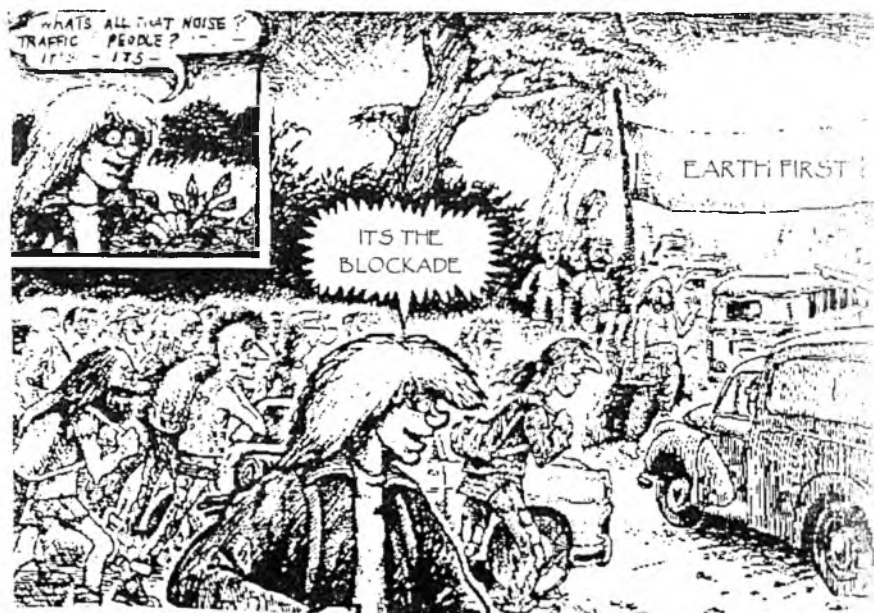
South Downs EF!

Rising from the sweeping hills of the South Downs is a monster-turquoise and gargantuan. It is the master of this city and below its ugly jutting features the townspeople scurry in a sea of carcinogenic smoke. But among this mist of death and disease there is hope. SDEF! (Shining Defenders of the Ecological Frontline!) has been bringing light into this desolate urban hell. On the Saturday before Christmas EF! held a Carmaggedon action in a busy shopping street. The action lasted for about an hour, but gained a large amount of support

from shoppers. A few passing FOE members even showed their support. We are planning a cycle action along the lines of Oxford's for the spring. The aforementioned Turquoise monster is of course the European headquarters of American Excess, SDEF! feel so graced to be in the presence of this great bastion of modern economics (Read-greed) that it has started, in solidarity with German & North American groups, a campaign against AMEX. The main reason for us targeting them is because they plan to destroy a place named East Fork-the last remaining large biologically diverse ecosystem in Colorado, USA. East Fork is home to species such as Wolverine, River Otter, Lynx & Grey Wolf. AMEX is planning to turn East Fork's 6,400 acres of untouched wilderness into a rich mans playground of 2,700 housing units, ski runs with eight lifts and a gondola. Some 70 acres of wetland will be destroyed, as well as the calving grounds for a herd of 300 elk.

The campaign has already forced AMEX into putting the ski development 'under review', a previously unheard of step. Let American Excess know how you feel about huge New York companies who destroy wilderness. Collect card application leaflets, (bundles of which can be found in any shop with an AMEX sign) and send them back FREEPOST. You can also jam up their 0800 number (0800 521313), by ringing them up from a phone box and leaving the phone on the hook. AMEX info./campaign packs are available for 50p.

Since the summer much of our energy has been given to



Twyford Down. Much that is important and positive has come out of this, but it has been difficult. There will be a meeting in the new year, talking about "Where do we go from here".

With the long rumoured South-Coast motorway now public with the C.B.I. publishing plans for an expressway and outer M25, we are & have been involved in a number of anti road campaigns. In our Bio-region alone the DoT is planning to build 23 bypasses in the next 6 years. (The vogens strike again)

On the first day of last term we staged a bank action in the Barclays on campus at Sussex uni. This involved two people locking themselves into the entrance of the bank- staff and customers were evacuated through the fire escape. Outside banners were unfurled and leaflets were handed out to the growing crowd of students-who only ten minutes beforehand had received there grant cheques. The action was followed up by disruptions of the banks stalls at the freshers fair and a week of intensive leafletting. The elves obviously approved, as the day after the action both banks on campus were completely covered in flyers and both had their cash machines and locks glued up.

We have been helping to set up a very active local permaculture network whose current projects include-allotments, a forest garden, running courses in permaculture, a 32 acre commune in sussex, clandestine tree planting, various urban gardens and a promotional event in the town centre. We find this gives a healthy balance between positive and negative campaigning. (After all, permaculture is the earth



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NOT "OFFICE"
FIRST!

INTERNATIONAL TEMPERATE DAY OF ACTION

In British Columbia, Canadian logging giant MacMillan Bloedel is turning wilderness into wasteland. One of the most diverse regions on Earth, the temperate rainforest of Vancouver Island, is being clearcut to bankroll the US junk bond market. The chainsaw massacre is already going down at such a rate that 1,600 year old trees are being left to rot where they fall-by 2002, only the 2% of rainforest in national reserves will be left. The Canadian government is aiding and abetting this ecocide by selling MacBlo tree farm licences. Attempts to replace diverse rainforest with Sitka Spruce monoculture-a potentially profitable pulp crop-invariably fail because loss of old growth tree cover causes massive topsoil erosion.

Environmentalists describe Vancouver Island as the 'Brazil of the North' and have forged an alliance with the Lil'Wat nation, who never ceded THEIR land to MacBlo and view the corporation as thieves and Trespassers. Last year, Lil'Wats invited an Amazonian chief to B.C. Shocked by the wanton deforestation, he told them: "Don't worry about us, you've got it far worse here". Since the 1970's hundreds have been arrested defending the forest by all means necessary, their tactics range from blockading logging trails and tree sitting to arson and sabotage. To widen the struggle, the activists made the 3rd of August an

International day of action.

In Britain, Earth First! showed solidarity by targeting the largest manufacturer of disposable paper products in the U.K., Scott Paper. It's twee green advertising disguises the fact that 25% of the pulp it uses is supplied direct from Vancouver Island by MacBlo. As a result of this deception, British consumers unknowingly flush away a million bog rolls of temperate rainforest a day.

A month before the demo, reconnaissance on Scott's Kentish mill on Crete Hall road, Northfleet, was carried out by Oxford EF! and activists from Gravesend & Dartmouth Class war who knew the area and had inside contacts. In a disgraceful show of one away solidarity, Oxford EF!ers insisted that Class War should not formally attend their planned blockade with banners or leaflets. They feared that Class War's visible presence might tarnish their image with the media- absurd given that the activists concerned would abide by nonviolent principles and that the Lil'Wat and Vancouver EF! had little compunction about dynamiting MacBlo's dozers out in BC!

Realising MacBlo's record



was indefensible Scott tried to put a lid on EF! by slapping a high court injunction on them, listing the addresses of all their offices and plants including their P.O. box! As neither of those named on the injunction were involved in the planning or planned to attend the blockade, the injunction was ignored. As a non-organisation with no formal membership, accounts or records, EF! could not be sued.

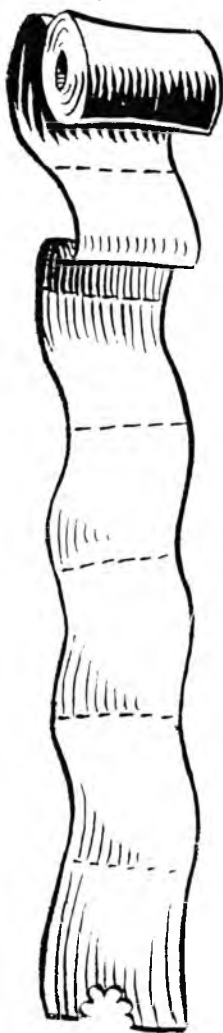
The Northfleet mill was at the far end of a run-down industrial estate surrounded on two sides by the sheer cliffs of an old chalk quarry and on a third by the Thames. Kent Constabulary were payed £60,000 to seal the mill off to activists- they illegally blocked the two access roads, put launches out on the river and even lined the top of the quarry to stop people absailing in from residents back yards! Despite this, Scott decided not to take any chances and gave its workers a day off, except for a skeleton staff to run driers and their P.R. man, Paul Edwards.

The sixty activists that came barrelling in down the access roads at dawn on Monday found themselves outnumbered more than two-to-one by the old bill. They weren't up to busting through police lines that early in the morning, but successfully screened a team of six London Autonomists from 56a InfoShop who scaled a wall into Northfleet terminal where mountainous pulp bales were stacked ready for processing. The police were doing such a good job of blocking the road- something which we would have had to do if they hadn't- that activists, one dressed as a tree settled down in front of the barriers for the next three hours to make sure nothing came in or out of the mill, amusing themselves by decorating coppers and fences with bog roll.

Around 11am everyone had recovered from the night before to get active. A board displaying Scott's injunction was ripped down and ritually trampled underfoot by all present before they tried climbing the fence it was attached to chanting "Stop the CHOP, Boycott SCOTT". Pushing and shoving between activists and police resulted in their illegal road blocks toppling like skittles. With police lines broken, half a dozen activists legged it down Crete Hall road towards the mill, the old bill trying to wrestle them to the ground. Much to the surprise and delight of those cheering him on, one activist dodged the massed flying tackles and made it

onto the roof of Scott's pulp store and proceeded to hoist up a banner.

As the demo wound down, the tribe head out to gravesend nick, where the dozen arrested on the day were being held. On the



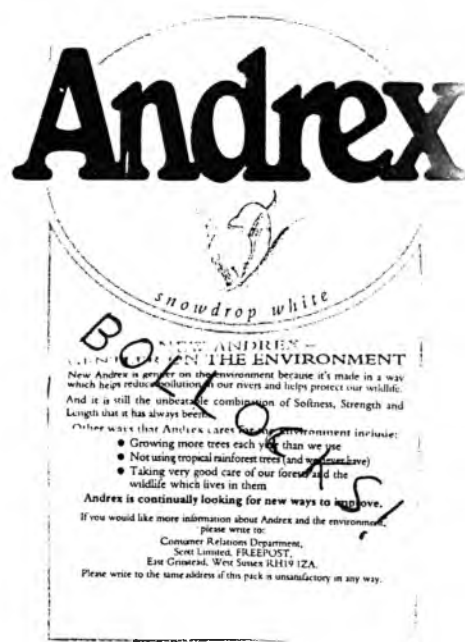
way, they dived into Asda and f u c k i n ' Tesco's, blocking the aisles by building walls of A n d r e x , Scotties and B o d y f o r m b o x e s - demanding that store managers refuse to stock Scott until the corporation agreed to manufacture its disposables from recycled paper rather than virgin pulp. after an hour long sit-down outside the nick, the cops were forced into releasing all those arrested without charge.

EF!ers that had not even attended. Whilst their attempt proved futile, the anti Scott boycott, the blockade was engineered to initiate has not materialised. In addition to being intimidated by the injunction, Oxford EF! s appalling treatment of class war and dismissive attitude to other local concerns- including a waste-to-energy generator in Crete Hall road, against which thousands of Gravesendians had marched the previous weekend- has not given them a base in the broader community from which to operate against Scott.

There are lessons to be learned from the action. As events at Twyford have demonstrator, injunctions are increasingly becoming a tactic used by the state to suppress militant ecological protest-make sure you give your true name to anyone(especially the media!)because without it, injunc-

tions aren't worth the paper they're written on. This is one of the ways the media becomes detrimental to our activity. Another is organising one-off demonstrations specifically to grab the attention of the media- the cops are wise to this and the media fund the Scott blockade even more boring than the participants. Flitting between one example of corporate ecological environmental abuse to another to publicise it without doing it real damage does little to effectively defend the earth, and as noted above, works on a law of diminishing returns in terms of media interest. A worse effect of such a spectacular protest was that in an attempt to project a certain image to the media, the Anarco-mediocre ideologues of Oxford EF! excluded their sole source of local support. Without their assistance, locals will never organise for the ongoing campaign needed to genuinely inconvenience Scott and cause it real economic damage. Compared to the threat of the incinerator, what goes on at Thames House is a peripheral issue.

Because of a series of hesitations and wasted opportunities, the anti-Scott boycott is going to have to be built again from scratch. It is an important issue, so let's get to it.



Derek Wall fingres the green Nazis

outside of your local Mark and Spencer's? Have you heard rumours of Satrivi Devi, the Hindu fascist, who praised the S.S. for their protection of animals and Hitler for his love of trees? Perhaps you have read Ecology in the 20th Century, where Anna Bramwell, an ex-young member officer of the conservative Monday Club, argues that much of Green philosophy is rooted in the ideas of conservative and sometimes racist thinkers! What the hell is going on. Perhaps you have been approached by the distributists to help co-ordinate an anti-Macdonalds day. Or been sent a copy of Green Dawn, an innocuous looking and rather environmentalist paper, put out by the National Front. Or have you been fooled, as Jonathon Porritt and the Centre for Alternative Technology were, into writing for the Scorpion published by Martin Walker the former N.F. organiser for Central London.

A few years ago some Deep Ecologists, said some racist and extreme things. Ed Abbey, complained of Mexican's swamping the US, forgetting that all sorts of races propelled not by genetics but economics and greed, had formed the US on the blood of the Indians. The despicable Chris Manes in his EF! Miss Anthrope column, claimed to be taking the piss with the view but briefly associated EF! US with the view that AIDS was a good thing and the Ethiopian famine victims, who starved while we in the west dined on their countries, deserved to die. Deep Ecology is no longer associated with such unpleasant views, loving nature and all species requires respect for our own species. Real fascists, the guys and gals who back up their racist views with baseball bats and on occasion bombs, the European equivalents of Guatemalan death squads, who believe in an International Jewish Conspiracy, the Fuhrer prinzip, celebrate Hitler's birthday, have for a long time been trying to infiltrate the green Movement.

Eco-fascism is on the march with a three pronged assault that if successful will destroy Ecology.

The first prong is ideological. Scorpion, a magazine set up by former N.F. organiser Martin Walker to link neo-Nazis with the Green Movement, has over the past four years hoodwinked a whole series of prominent Greens from John Papworth (former editor of Resurgence and an ex-advisor to

Zambian leader Kenneth Kaunda) to Peter Cadogan, the Pacifist & Decentralist, into attending its conferences. Another Scorpion conference goer Anna Bramwell (see Searchlight) in her books "Ecology in the 20th Century", "Blood & Soil", "Walther Darre" and Hitler's "Green Party", has argued that the first greens were to be found in Hitler's Germany and that "Ecologism" is a phenomenon of the "despised white european north". As far back as 1973 racists were blaming third world over-population for the problems created by first world greed. In what was termed the "The life Boat Thesis", arguing against aid to famine victims but saying nothing about the links between third world starvation and first world over consumption. Little is said of the brave struggle of African, Asian and South american greens like Chico Mendes, (the Brazilian trade unionist killed for protecting the rainforests), or the rural women involved in the Kenyan Green Belt movement by "New Right" Ecologists. The plight of the Tasmanian aborigines and other Native people who lived in balance with the environment, but were exterminated by European colonialists is forgotten. According to Anna who somehow managed to attend the 1989 Green Party conference, Ecology should not be confused with the fight for social justice.

The second prong is organisational. Suddenly the brown shirts are green. The Stasserite blood and soil wing of the N.F. has been followed by other Fascist groups into exploiting environmental issues. Where N.F. once accused the anti-nuclear movement of being financed by Moscow gold, they now endorse opposition of the building of Hinckley point. The myth of a racial pure rural Britain peppered by nationalistic communes is closely linked to N.F. protests over the grubbing up of hedges and acid rain. Hull N.F. have advertised for members worried by "the growing scandal of filth and pollution i our water ways". Despite their hatred of other races the far right have become animal lovers. In fact the far have become animal lovers. In fact the far right think of everything, Mosley supposedly invented Keynesian economic growth, Hitler built the first motorways and both were supposedly advocates of the E.C. before anybody else thought of it. That the far right have taken up

green issues should not fool us to their real nature, it should not lull us into inaction.

The final element is of direct infiltration. The far right have a strategy of moving into all major political parties and former members of the National Front and British National Party have turned up as Labour, Liberal and Conservative candidates in the past. The N.f. are reputed to have put candidates under the Green or Ecology label in the past in areas where the real Greens are thin on the ground. Further afield Die Grunen have had major problems with fascist infiltration and have closed down several local Green groups. National Front have gone as far as to stand a candidate under the title of, "Greenwave", a name ripped off of an organisation set up by members of Greenpeace. Obviously neo-nazis find it easier to get votes under bogus green banners than as fascists. In 1989 a parliamentary by-election candidate for the real Green Party was offered help by a mysterious individual from the East End of London, who suggested that she campaigned under the slogan "On the VCrest of the Greenwave", she declined and other members of the party have been warned of the threat. Yet as long ago as the mid 1970's other would be environmentalists campaigned under the title of the Survival Party, complete with far right ideology and Mosleyite Flashes of lightning insignia on their publications. The far right soil everything they come in contact with and the greens must be aware of their corrupting influence, step up their vigilance and work for radical policies that attack the racism and inequality that underpins ecological destruction.

The animal rights movement, bizarrely, has been plagued by former and existing members of the N.F.. There is no doubt the fascists will attempt to infiltrate Earth First! Many of them appear like your average hippy! They are by no means all skin head thugs, (equally groups like Skin Heads against Racial prejudice and all the sound Gay/Lesbian suade heads, illustrate that having short hair doesn't mean you are a nasty nazil). Be warned! They are thin on the ground but beware. The British National Party, the largest (perhaps 600 plus) Nazi group, ignore Deep Ecology, but equally demand opposition. There is

DIRECT ACTION AGAINST ALL BLOODSPORTS

an excellent article in the latest issue of Green Anarchist, on the psychology of the B.N.P. and fighting the fascists in general. Larry O'Hara an ex-member of the excellent Big Flame Group, bizarrely associated by Searchlight with the far right, is doing some good on the subject. Ian Coates of Bristol university has produced a useful paper entitled "A Cuckoo in the Nest" on the N.F. infiltration of the Green Movement, send him an S.A.E. and a small donation to cover photocopying and I am sure he will let you have a copy. (Ian Coates, c/o Dept. of Sociology, Bristol University, Woodlands rd, Bristol) Also get hold of the Bigger Tory Vote by Nick Toezek, published by AK press.

Finally why not join your local Anti-Fascist Action group or Anti-Fascist Alliance group, remember the Anti-Nazi League is a naff vehicle for those merchants of debased Leninist bollocks, the Socialist Workers Party.

Remember people are dying because of Nazi's in France, Spain, Germany and in this country.

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SEA SHEPHERD DECLARES WAR ON WHALERS

With Norway's totally unacceptable decision to withdraw from the I.W.C. and resume commercial whaling, the Sea Shepherd Society declares it will regard the Eastern North Sea as a SECOND FRONT for its campaigns against exploitation of marine resources and will take whatever actions necessary for to protect marine mammals. Sea Shepherd would like to remind Norway of what happened to half of the Icelandic whaling fleet in Reykjavik on November 9th 1986: half of their fleet was scuttled. On Sunday 28th, June 1992 Sea Shepherd Staged a protest at the Norwegian Embassy, London. This will be just the beginning of a campaign that Sea Shepherd will keep up until Norway retracts its decision.

SEA SHEPHERD CONSERVATION SOCIETY U.K. BOX 5, Ashford, Middlesex, TW15 2P

The Northumberland Beagling Festival was this year sabotaged for the sixth consecutive year. Consistent pressure forced the hosts, the Newcastle & District Beagles (N.D.B.), to change the Festival's format yet again. There were fewer meets than ever before.

This year, via advertisements paid by the BFSS, the public were invited to come and watch the official festival which consisted of just five meets. In fact there were actually two meets per day (ie: 20 in all) with afternoon meet in the main week of the festival. Hunting actually commenced in the week before the advertised start of the festival, but luckily cynical local sabs ignored the official line and turned down on Wednesday 16 September to sab the Holme Valley Beagles from West Yorkshire who packed up at noon Sabs went on to sab the N.D.B. in the afternoon.

Thursday saw the Wick & District Beagles, from Bristol, sabbed in the morning but the N.D.B. killed in the afternoon. No hunt was found on the Friday.

The advertised meet began on 21 September at 10.30 am on moors above Redesdale. From the opposite side of the valley we could see vehicles lining the roads. There were two TV. crews, police vans, Landrovers, a police horsebox, five sab vehicles, reporters, supporters, security staff cars, a BFSS rep, the local M.P., and even a hound van! Overhead a police helicopter flew past.

However, the great British public declined to take up the offer of paying £3 to stand on a public road, except for two people who were mistaken for sabs and asked to leave the land.

As hounds unboxed, saboteurs entering fields were confronted by heavies from a private security firm who had been hired to evict them. This was a surprise both for sabs and for the Northumbria Police. About a dozen heavies were hired from Olympia International (of Huddersfield. West Yorkshire) who were managed at the scene by Mark Pendlebury. The contractors were Estate Management Services, represented by Steven Stacey. The final paymaster is not yet known, but the cost was said to be £15,000. Press reports which claimed that the heavies were ex-S.A.S. men did not impress those who saw them in

action!

As with any heavies, those who suffered most were smaller sabs, sabs out of their own and women sabs. In the face of this tempers were kept and there were always sabs there to distract hounds. There were no chases but the N.D.B. did chop a leveret at the end of the day.

On Tuesday Hertfordshire's Newmarket Beagles hunted nearby. The weather was poor, and security staff used All-Terrain Vehicles (four-wheeled motorbikes) to chase after sabs - perhaps they had seen them used in the Falklands?

The same pattern of evictions followed, but on a later meet the supporters had to circle the hunt, no doubt doing a fine pre-beating job. From this normal sabbing began to emerge. When hounds managed a longer chase they left this circle and sabs were waiting to call them away. Hunting ended soon after.

On Wednesday three sabs went off to the Trinity Food Beagles. Unfortunately sabs lost track of them on the A697.

Back at the N.D.B. kennels the hunt escaped a planned demonstration by leaving early - something for sabs to watch out for in the future.

By the time hunting began sabs were already on the fell. The hunt killed quickly after a short chase before sabs could intervene. Evictions were notably rougher, with the security men trying to bundle sabs into vehicles to cope with the distances. The hounds were called off two scents as they crossed a ridge. As they crossed back the entire pack was called from 400 yards away, leaving the huntsman and security staff behind. Instead of hunting, the beagles ran around a plantation, and this was the end of the day's hunting.

There was a smaller meet on Thursday and the N.D.B. soon came within reach. They were unable to sustain a long hunt. Eventually hounds ran from the main area and were hunted on into a plantation. They could not be made to run on through, but stayed to be collected after a long delay. Unfortunately the hare they had over-run crawled back to the meet and was killed after being hunted to a standstill. There was little that sabs could do to save it.

Friday's pack were the wick & District Beagles. The meet was accessible and the hunt had a hard time. Hotter weather and lots of rabbits made hunting harder still and they finished early at the cost of one dead rabbit. When inept whips failed to stop the hounds from crossing a road, several sabs were either arrested or received summonses.

Sabs later found the afternoon meet near Birtley. Sabs arrived in dribs and drabs the security men got over confident, attempting to get into one of the vans and following another at speed for some miles. However the S.A.S. lad's new Escort could not outrace the ageing Lada. As the main body of sabs arrived the security staff lost their confidence and the hunt packed up at once.

On Saturday no beagling was found and sabs deceased on a Tynedale Fox Hounds cubbing meet to show their appreciation for allowing the festival into their country. A useless meet was prolonged until 11.30 am. Afterwards low cloud prevented shooting on local moors and the only hounds sighted proved to be the Wick & District going home.

Overall, the problems created by the security staff were overcome, and sabbing resumed as normal. The small number of meets means it difficult to get used to things.

The festival was smaller again this year, down from 24 to 20 meets, including the unpublished ones. It cost £15,000 for a "festival" consisting of three local pack meets and two by visiting ones, one of which killed one rabbit. The Festival is hardly alive and kicking. Our prediction for next year's costs is £25,000, assuming zero inflation and no increase in interest rates - otherwise it will cost them even more.

The 1992 Northumberland Beagling Festival was sabbed by groups from Leeds, Nottingham, Leicester, Sheffield, Liverpool, Manchester, Lancaster, Cumbria, Sunderland, West London, Lewisham, Basingstoke, Borders, Edinburgh and Newcastle. Thanks to everyone and apologies to anyone left out of the list.

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don't be idle, help your local sab group out.

PARTIZAN POETS

RIVERS

Our bodies are tired
The earth is bored with our weight.
We hang loose,
Our hands covered in ashes.
The scythe has swept the terraces,
The fields ploughed to the sword.
And we are left a piece of dust
To reflect on.
In the distance the prophets
Rejoice in their omen,
For we have achieved their final word.

I remember when the stream
Could be handled,
Its juices quenching a beggars
Thirst.
Cool around the lips and belly,
Its freshness so clear and pure.
But the hand has become greedy,
Sweat has fouled the rivers brown,
Fools jesting in gills bursting,
Lungs exploding.
Now only the carcasses travel the
river down.

The shore had never failed to
attract
Its visitors,
Feathers varied as the nations gathered
To drink.
Their heads stooped
Then raised to chatter.
That frenzied furore cut the air.
Like memories they are now only
skeletons,
Long since have their numbers
swelled the rocks,
Drainpipes, the sills and the angels
Highest lair.
The masters were only jealous
Envious of what they didn't have.
So they spiced the gullets with poison,
Shot millions as they crossed the
mountain heights.
The eggs were no longer heard to
crack
While planting,
Young heads failed to rise for dinner.
Man has become the victor,
And his children were all destined
To go mad.

DAVEY

Night Of The ELFin

The night is our mother,
Her dark hair covers our bodies
from harm.
She fills the air with freshness,
silence as we seek to avenge her
pain.

She asks little in return,
only to protect her young,
the womb of her creation,
her flesh, skin that..is the
very beauty of our land.

Small, but committed,
we rake havoc on those
who possess the knife,
cutting wounds,
carving the valley's
till they bleed.

They are the enemy that
we live t fight,
they are the enemy who's
prisoners we liberate,
and they are the enemy who we
swear to run into the ground.

We are the ELFin,
those who carry the torch and flame
to live or die
and no surrender,
we are the venom of
our mothers fiery rain.

TARA

IT MUST BE DONE

24 hours.
Ears stuck to the netted bars.
It must be done.
Eyes filled with pus.
Rabbits brains for the knife.
It must be done, be done.
Baboons screaming,
their bodies fill the crashing cars.
It must be done.
Bloated for the distillery,
a dalmatian strapped by all fours
spread till they could-will break.
It shall be done, be done.
Another cat feels the shock of
resistance,
Wires cross her face.
Her paws are shaking,
her piss rolls to the floor,
an uncontrollable mistake.
Hugging, snuggling,
terrified to part.
It has to be done.
One watches as the other is hung,
watches as it strikes the dark.
It has been done.
Then immediately spliced and
carved,
still howling in pain.
The living suffer in eternal captivity,
blinded, scalded and starved.

IF ANY EF!ers board on a Saturday,

THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT OF THE CAR

For much of the century the car has come to represent personal freedom and economic wealth with people openly boasting to be a two or even a three car family.

But now with a million extra cars on the road each year this countries car based transport system is beginning to cause personal misery and economic chaos. Dirty, dangerous and deteriorating it is rarely out of the news. The governments response to this growing car use (which could be around 35 million by the year 2035) is to build new roads and as we all know more roads mean MORE CARS.

Vehicle emissions pump out deadly fumes which are altering our climate and endangering our health. Car pollution has been linked to asthma, bronchitis, heart problems and even cancer. Around 5,000 people die in road accidents each year.

Car production involves numerous wasteful processes and materials. 23 million tyres are discarded each year in the UK, alone, often illegally. During 1989-90 28 million gallons of motor oil was dumped into or fresh water systems.

Meanwhile road building on a major scale still goes on. Spending on trunk roads has doubled to over 15 million whilst this Tory government has been in power. Every mile of motorway takes 25 acres of land, 250,000 tonnes of sand and gravel, areas of great national beauty and importance are being covered in concrete and tarmac. Accelerating car use is becoming a catalogue of total madness and unless we stop it very soon it will just keep getting worse.

A Climate for Disaster !

Global warming has recently emerged at the top of the worlds environmental agenda. In October 1990 the verdict of the worlds climatic scientists, expressed through the Intergovernmental Panel on Climatic Change (IPCC) was equivocal. Greenhouse gases emitted into the earths atmosphere are accumulating rapidly as a direct result of

human activities this will produce rapid warming of the earth's temperature, with unforeseeable tragic results. The world's community must reduce emissions of greenhouse gases by a minimum of 60%. Cars are involved because they are significant emitters of carbon dioxide, of all the gases carbon dioxide is thought to have contributed 55% to global warming between 1980 and 1990. The amount of carbon

dioxide reaching the earth. CFC 11 and CFC 12 have global warming potentials, 3,500 and 7,300 times more powerful than carbon dioxide over a 100 year period currently their concentrations in the atmosphere are increasing by about 4% each year.

One of the major sources of CFC.s in the atmosphere is motor vehicle air conditioning, in 1987 approximately 48% of all new cars, trucks and coaches worldwide are equipped with air conditioners. Annually, about 120,000 tonnes of CFC.s are used in new vehicles

and in servicing air conditioners in older ones. In all these account for around 30% of global demand for CFC 11 and CFC 12.

Motor manufactures have pledged to phase out the use of CFC.s in air conditioners but are planning to use HCFCs (Hydro-chlorofluorocarbons) which are also powerful greenhouse gases and still contribute to the destruction of the ozone layer.

Some manufacturers such as Mercedes are using newer substances called HFC (Hydrofluorocarbons) which do not destroy the ozone layer, unfortunately these chemicals are powerful greenhouse gases and overtime will contribute significantly to global warming. The IPCC comment that substances such as HFCs and HCFCs, if used in large quantities will contribute up to 10% of global warming.

It is apparently too late to prevent some warming of the earth as it

"We are not going to do away with the great car economy"
Margret Thatcher, 1990

dioxide emitted is directly related to carbon based fuel burnt! THERE IS NO ADD ON TECHNOLOGY TO REDUCE EMISSIONS OF CARBON DIOXIDE FROM VEHICLE EXHAUSTS: The only solution is to reduce the use of cars and to introduce new emission free methods of transport.

The average European car produces over 4 tonnes of carbon dioxide every year. Because of the number of cars on today's road these emissions are a substantial part of the worlds total - some 14% of the worlds carbon dioxide from fossil fuel burning comes from the tail pipes of the worlds vehicles. Add the emission from exploration and transportation, refining and the distribution of fuel and this figure is 15%-20% of world emissions.

Chlorofluorocarbons are the major cause of the destruction of stratospheric ozone, the layer of gas that blocks harmful ultra-violet radiation



would be impossible to remove the gases which have already been pumped into the atmosphere, however immediate reductions of all the greenhouse gases are essential, and we must start moving away from use of coal, oil and gas to clean energy systems. The reduce emissions of the gases I have mentioned and others such as benzene, carbon monoxide, a number of policies will have to be adopted:

1 The polluter pays, car owners/drivers should be made to pay the true costs of driving; this will include the cost of environmental damage.

2. Switching government spending from private to public transport.

3 Banning cars from all major city/town centres.

4 Ending all subsidies for the car.

5 Introducing government legislation for all new cars to be no emission vehicles.

DO YOU KNOW

a, The average car produces four times its own weight in carbon dioxide every year.

b, Motor vehicles generate more air pollution than any other form of activity, in Britain road transport generates 85% of carbon monoxide, 45% of nitrogen and 38% of all hydrocarbons.

c, Britain's environment for cyclists is the second worst in the E.C..

d, Around 74% of car journeys are of five miles or less, well within easy cycling distance.

Only by implicating these policies and re-educating people about the true implications of car use will we be able to bring about a cleaner, safer world, a world in which phone boxes in Mexico wont have to sell oxygen a 2 dollars a shot, a world in which children will be able to play safely with out having to constantly be aware of the dangers which race around them. a world where areas of great natural beauty such as Twyford Down and Oxleas woods are not under the threat of being entombed in concrete and tarmac - lost forever.

Phil-(Merseyside EF!)

The Store Wars:

Supermarkets on the run!

The Golden Hill Campaign

Battle for Golden Hill

This summer saw heavy confrontation between police and demonstrators over the proposed Tesco's superstore site at Golden Hill in Bristol. Local residents strongly objected to the store being built on an inner-city greenfield site that was used as a recreation area for children.

For 70 days residents held out against construction crews and police attempts to enter the field. many people set up tents for overnight watches and barricades were built to prevent any trucks entering. The network that was established within the locality was so well organised that within 30 minutes, 300 people could be called to defend the site.

This action certainly presented a new phase in community actions of this nature. the whole community was prepared to take up direct action to protect what they felt was rightly theirs. The urban sprawl of Bristol made the Golden Hill site precious, an area of land large enough for folk to escape the traffic and concrete. Tesco's were dismayed at such resistance, they couldn't believe that ordinary citizens would challenge them in such a way. And what must have surprised them even more was the unity that they were faced with. No political divisions on this, mate. Local leading Tory standing next to green socialist, planning the next days move together. A conservative looking woman, smartly dressed was handing out tea to a new age traveller, the two chatting and passing the time of day. At one point someone from the S.W.P. attempted to print anti-tory leaflets, bringing them onto the site, he was soon dispatched, mostly from those from the left.

I had been called down by the residents to help with NVDA training and tactics. The first thing I was met with was the kindness and an amazing spirit of defiance. Over the two days there, workshops were held in the pouring rain, packed with near 20/30 people all willing to learn new ideas on securi-

ty, legal and general tactics. an afternoon saw 15 women practicing chaining themselves to gates, etc. while others prepared defences out of wire and stakes. one elderly lady pointed out to me that as far as she was concerned she was "fighting a war".

Towards the end injunctions were laid on a few individuals, but this didn't stop operations, those people just directed activities from their houses. the last two days saw very ugly scenes, police violence ensuing, most residents totally shocked by such brutality. The remaining trees that were still standing in front of the field proved the biggest fight. Tree sitters spent 29 hours perched like parrots until they were hauled down. One woman was still in the tree as the bastards sawed away. With all of Bristol on their side, a petition stretching into thousands, still the police waded in.

But this isn't the end of the story, as a few weeks later, a coalition was formed with groups from all over the country who are also fighting such campaigns. And the same activists who organised Golden Hill are mustering to fight Safeways who want to build on a cricket pitch n the outside of Bristol. With Tesco's, Safeways and others building near 20 stores each and every year- such battles will become frequent.

What these actions show is that the community does have the ability to resist if it wants to. That it contains the resources to do so, without relying upon "professional Green groups" to wade in and take over. That petitions and the like have their limits, and only real imaginative direct action and good networking can take on the might of companies like tesco's.

For me personally, I was nothing but inspired, my hope for ordinary folk to finally take up the gauntlet was beginning to show light. only through "my backyard", actions will folk be aware of what lies beyond it, and how it is also being trashed. I also learned that the only real way of helping folk in their fight is to get in there amongst them, and get your hands dirty.

The Forgotten Enemy



Within both the animal rights and green movements there are certain issues that are not touched by the mainstream groups. certain issues are 'Too extremist', to attract the more moderate souls. One such issue is the friendly neighbourhood supermarket.

In Turning Point issue 27 we are told Dewhursts is closing 600 shops and this is blamed on the competition from supermarkets. On the one hand this is good news. It is good to know that Dewhursts is on the way out. But on the other hand you must ask yourself are we getting something worse in its place?

The case against the supermarkets produces a long list so for this article I have decided to look at just four issues that roughly cover the area of animal rights, green issues and community defence. The arguments against the supermarkets are as follows;

1) Supermarkets are just as bad as the local butchers because both sell meat. Most modern supermarkets have a meat counter. on these counters you can see a large spread of dead animal flesh, especially cut so it does not look like the animal that it is. At least with the butchers they show the whole animal, so anyone going in knows that their bit of ham is in fact a bit of sliced pig. In the supermarkets this feeling is going.

2) Supermarkets love over packaging. if you buy any fresh food from a supermarket you're almost guaranteed to get a free polystyrene tray, a piece of cling film and probably a plastic bag.

3) Supermarkets are generally slightly out of town meaning you have to have a car to reach them and obviously we all know the ecological damage the motor car causes. also we must remember that companies are buying up green field sites. vast tract of land being bought by the likes of tesco's and

safeway's, their supposed concern for the environment really shows a sham.

4) Supermarkets are putting the small trader out of business. It is impossible for the small trader to really compete with a supermarkets as supermarkets get the food cheaper to start with. Thus by backing the supermarket chains we are destroying the local shops and the community spirit that they generate. On the continent, small shop holders have grouped together making it very difficult for the "Big Boys" to wade in. In Totnes, Devon the local people and permaculturalists got together and a campaign was launched to boycott the three supermarkets that had invaded their town. It is an indication of how effective the campaign was that only one supermarket remains, the other two closing for economic reasons, the campaign continues! This form of community protectionism is successful and maintains a high street identity of the old tinker, tailor and candlestick maker scenario.

THE DAY THEY DROVE TWYFORD DOWN!

The battle for Twyford Down

For those who don't already know, Twyford Down is an area of outstanding natural just east of Winchester in Hampshire. With that designation, numerous S.S.S.I.s including the water meadows lining the Itchen valley south of the Down, and two significant scheduled Ancient monuments- an Iron Age Village and a bunch of medieval tracks- the Dongas. Twyford is also one of the last known habitats of the Chalk Blue butterfly and six different species of orchid. It was supposed to be one of the most protected natural sites in England. Indeed, it was placed in the trust of Winchester College by two old boys that bought it in the 1920's to preserve it from the cities Urban sprawl.

The years actions to protect the Dongas have been well covered. Since February 2nd, many blockades and occupations of the work site have taken place, but till the DoT carried on regardless determined to build their precious motorway. During the summer a camp was set up on the Dongas, where activists planned and based actions against the work site on the water meadows, which by then was being raped by the contractors. By the Autumn the contractors were now looking

With just these four examples (and there are many more, we can see supermarkets are guilty of environmental damage, creating unneeded waste, destroying the local communities AND hiding the fact that meat means murder. So next time you plan what targets to hit don't forget your local supermarket-whether your A.L.F., Earth First! or any other associated cronies.

note: A good way to trash any future supermarkets, is to put salt in their concrete foundations, or icing sugar, this prevents the concrete from setting properly- so they have to tear it all down!

By RABBIX
(Vegan Retribution Squad)

towards the Dongas to begin their motorway monster. This is when the most oppressive and intimidating tactics against the campaign took place.

The Dongas Tribe declared the site an autonomous zone in september, and began building fortifications to defend their land. Tarmac had now got the contract to go forth with the cutting, and at this point a virtual siege began with paid security guards having there lookouts next to the Dongas.

The siege effectively ended on the 29th of October after sheer incompetence on the legal front. The previous monday, (26th of October), the DoT successfully pressured the Estates Bursar of Winchester College into applying to the local court to evict the Dongas Tribe. The summons was so ill-made that that when presented to court that Thursday, the judge ordered the case adjourned until 9th of December, well-past the end of the Cooper Lyons contract. With the tribe securely in place and no police cover, all the contractors could do was finish work on the Water Meadow and cut their losses.

The main contract begins

Tarmac spent well after midnight on the 1st of November moving into their depot in Compton,

two miles south of the Down. The next morning forty contractors started work on four different sites

day when Winchester college's summons was to be heard, the DoT felt that were in a strong enough posi-

the compound in the next two days were met by violence that hospitalised four of the demonstrators. To control the situation, a hundred cops were drafted in and they in turn made arrests when EFlers attempted to stop the destruction of the woods at the bottom of the Dongas by occupying trees and the contractors vehicles bulldozing them down on Friday 11th of December, despite this unbelievably wanton destruction on the side of Tarmac, the tree-sitters saved a small stand of sycamores and this became their camp site as the tribe began clearing off Winchester College's land ready for the 14th December evictions.

On the Wednesday, Hampshire County Council objected to Tarmac's spurious claims that the two footpaths across the Dongas had been diverted. The 13th of December was an unlucky day for the contractors. Armed with cuttings from the local paper about the destruction of the paths, fifty members of the Ramblers Association turned up at the Down and insisted on the right to walk one of the original tracks. Joined by the tribe and their supporters, the ramblers laid siege to the compound. After ripping the compound gate off its hinges, they barged through fifty group 4 guards that had linked arms across the breach, and proceeded to walk to the far side of the compound before the cops arrived to "restore order". Those biffed out of the compound are now taking the obstruction to court to rip it wide open.

A tribe member describes Yellow Wednesday!

At the battle of the Dongas



along the south side of the Itchen Valley, the Tribe were desperately outnumbered and somewhat intimidated. This was compounded by the fact that one of the security guards was suspected of an arson attack against the Tipi watch post in the trench field a couple of nights after Tarmac arrived. It took until 4th of November for EFl to react nationally. Sixty EFlers marched across the Itchen Valley and stopped the work on all four sites, freaking out Roger Jackson so much that that he lost control of his car and parked it half way up a bank for the rest of the day.

The Dongas tribe continued to obstruct work on the North End site until around the 30th of November. On this day, a Tarmac foreman frustrated by continuous disruption charged demonstrators with a JCB and one of the workers threatened a second arson attack on the camp. The campers took this second threat seriously and demanded that no further action be taken against the contractors. The Tribe member that came closest to injury in the first attack was outraged at this decision and walked out of the camp, saying that by allowing themselves to be intimidated, the Tribe had made themselves hostages of the good behaviour of others opposing the destruction of the down. The camp had vetoed ecotage around the area of the camp for months for fear of retaliation- by vetoing all action, the original reason for the establishment of the camp had been lost.

tion to invade the Dongas. Due to the lack of co-operation from Hampshire Constabulary from the 27th of October, the home office recommended Tarmac hire Group Four for the invasion instead. At dawn, a bulldozer spearheaded the assault, followed up by one hundred Group Four thugs and all the workers at Twyford. Although the tribe had been supplied with a mobile phone to call for support, it had broken down and had not been repaired in the malaise preceding that day's events. Despite the paucity of communications, over fifty EFlers had turned up by noon. The contractors put up a barbed wire compound around DoT land and started to remove turf within, but the tribe weren't taking this without a fight. Their attempts to invade





we witnesses the lengths to which other human beings were prepared to go- to enable destruction the nature to continue.

We saw outnumbered protesters being assaulted, then arrested for assault. Activists sustained injuries that the police surgeon described as evidence of systematic beatings. When several arrests failed to enable machinery onto the dongas- arrests were forgotten as a tactic, and were replaced by brute force and scare tactics by 70 men in yellow jackets.

As the Earth defenders persistence in the face of arm-twisting, head-butting, pressure pointing ...etc, became evident 50 black hats waded in.

Instead of making arrests they took over the administration of violence. Two courageous earth sisters were rendered unconscious by wind pipe constriction and suffered torn neck and shoulder ligaments- one being kept in hospital for observation. Many others visited casualty, with barbed-wire cuts, bruises, muscle strain and abrasions, charges are being brought.

Despite these tactics and heavy outnumbering the tribe succeeded in keeping machinery out of the enclosed area of the Dongas- From dawn until dusk, throwing there all into the blockade, oblivious

to personal injury, risking their lives in one final effort to protect that beautiful piece of land, as if the very planet depended on it!

Dawn the next day saw 19 people who were left fit for the protest and 100 black-hats joining the yellow jack-ets. After attempts at a gate blockade were repelled by a wall of black-hats. Physically and mentally numbed protesters wandered around the perimeter fence, watching the surreal massacre that followed. It was like watching a strange dream, by midday all the trees and scrub had been bulldozed, and the unturfed part of the ancient track-ways had been reduced to a huge field of chalk.

The only obstruction left was three trees, in the middle of the site occupied by the "never say die" tree sitting club. Huge clouds of smoke billowed over the site from the burning pile of murdered trees, as the bulldozers continued their work.

The battle was lost...there were a lot of sad moments but our spirit was not broken. We gained insight and an overwhelming sense of unity. We also saw that other human-beings were willing to go to any lengths to achieve their destructive aims...we must be strong...we must stand together ...the Tribe lives on!

The Dongas are dead!-Long live the Dongas Tribe!

What Now?

Many, particularly the media, who like a nice, neat story-will see the move on the Dongas Camp as the closing act of the Twyford drama. They do not understand how precarious Tarmac's current position is. Prior to starting the Twyford contract, Tarmac lost millions when a contract collapsed in Swindon. That on top the general damage the recession has done them, forced Tarmac to beg for a £30 million hand out from government. They have put in a £24 million bid for the Twyford contract, a third below its proper value, meaning any delay will push them into penalty clauses. The intervention of activists

aside, there will certainly be such delays. They will have to cut chalk through Winter and attempt road building across the bottom of the Itchen Valley, which used to be a complex of water meadows meaning they are prone to turn into quagmires. This contract is set to run for two years and the political rationale for it-building infrastructure for European economic union-is looking more tenuous by the day as the Major administration wastes away. The battle for Twyford has not ended-it's beginning. With proper organisation and determination we can win this crunch battle with the road lobby. The implications of this victory will carry far beyond a small corner of Hampshire.

The events of 4th November show that we can stop work across Twyford using traditional tactics, given the numbers. If they think they can stop us with threats and violence, we've got to make damn sure they don't. Hunt Sabs regularly get hassle but carry on regardless-learn from their example. They don't hesitate to document violence against them and bring prosecution.

Obstruction on site needs to be coordinated and supported. The number of days work lost is what counts in defeating Tarmac. Consequently, it's better we have a sixty-strong demonstration two days a week than one demonstration twice that size-that's overkill. Those on site should make sure that they take down full details of works ongoing and subcontractors involved.

Consideration should also be given to those groups too far from Twyford shouldn't be confined to the Home Counties. To broaden it out



nationally, every Tarmac and associated subcontractors office, depots and sites in the country should be targeted, (A list can be obtained from South Downs EF!). As subcontractors addresses become known, they should join the hit list, not least because they are more vulnerable to persuasion than the larger companies raping the down. Those that can't make it to Twyford on their day of the week must hit their local target instead. Solidarity actions are already ongoing against the DoT in London and ARC (Who supply stone to Tarmac for Twyford) at Whatley Quarry in Somerset. Additional action against the Dean of Bristol University who also happens to run Winchester College are already in the pipeline.

Its urgent that people explore whether Tarmac or any other subcontractors use freepost addresses or freephone numbers - armchair activists across the country can cost them thousands, legally and from the comfort of their own homes. The possibility of phone, fax and telex blockades should also be explored.

There is another string to our bow, too. Tarmac have shown by their behaviour on the 9th December that they don't care for the law and only understand money. well, we can beat them at their own game on that one, cant we ! There is no point in fighting with one arm tied behind our back. After all, Earth First! only respect natural laws. Every leaflet you produce could contain the information needed for a cell to wreak £10,000s of havoc against the contractors and even put smaller subcontractors out of business. if you feel so inspired. study Ecodefence and the A.L.F. publications doing the rounds so you know how to do it what it takes. As every channel for negotiation now seems closed, ultimately the only way Tarmac are going to be stopped is by being destroyed. No Compromise in Defence of Planet Earth!



Surfers Against Sewage !

Many sports in Britain have an environmental wing, those within the activity who see there leisure time spoilt by polluters or a Government policy that does not come up to scratch. The anglers have for a long time fought court battles over river dumping of farm waste and surplus pesticides. But in the last two years there has been no group more successful in highlighting the dangers to our seas and coastlines than Surfers Against Sewage (S.A.S.). Their own particular brand of direct action and well researched campaigns has taken the imagination of many and put the wind up the now privatised Water Industry.

S.A.S. are not satisfied with the present level of sewage treatment and that Britain is still living in the dark ages. S.A.S. says that effluent screened fails to match up to the E.C. Municipal Waste Water Directive, which rules that discharge serving a population of more than 10,000 people must receive screening, primary and secondary treatment by the year 2000. This means that whether a beach fails the bathing tests or not, the outfalls will have to be treated. Prior to this, water companies were not planning to treat outfalls that did not cause a bathing beach failure. Many Britain's sewage outfalls have trouble reaching primary treatment if anything else. S.A.S. are also asking for Ultra Violet disinfection as well, so that viruses and bacteria are likewise eradicated.

One of the more prominent campaigns has been in St. Ives, Cornwall where a 2 mile outfall pipe is being built. The currents of the bay will bring the crap back onto the beaches, so of course the locals are naturally worried and oppose the scheme, especially as the outfall pipes is catering for the whole region, from Penzance to St. Ives. When the scheme was first proposed, the South West Water (SWW) was planning little more than primary treatment. But through effective campaigning, S.A.S. has managed to get secondary treatment, but still the SWW haven't budged over UV. This is essential if one of Britain's most attractive bays is to be safe for both bathers and marine life.

S.A.S. have suggested sound alternatives to existing sewage systems, and through this more district councils are beginning to ask their advice and look to countries like Sweden and Switzerland for working models.

What is so attractive about S.A.S. is the way they combine humour with direct action, maybe that accounts for there impressive membership of 6000 plus, in two years, not bad eh? There known hit squad has come to the aid of local campaign groups all around the British isles, turning up with their assortment of inflatable Turds and Drums. Through this type of event, S.A.S. has been able to gain respect from various bodies who might appear the last place where radicalism may shine light. From sailing Clubs to Diving clubs, all use the sea as a recreation, so all will benefit by the measures the S.A.S. are putting forth.

S.A.S. offers a magic combination of well researched alternatives, good community outreach and organising, empowering locals to take action. And most of all gaining respect without sellout. The seaside always inspires Fun and imagination, they are two of the main ingredients to keep weary activists fighting, and the only hope we have of saving our planet. To my mind S.A.S. contain both and for that reason they will continue to grow. For more info., contact:

S.A.S., The Old Counthouse Warehouse, Wheal Kitty, St. Agnes, Cornwall - They produce a monthly newsletter, "Pipeline".

The Wobblies are Back!



The Industrial Workers of the World (IWW) or wobblies as they are known are again organising in the U.K.. Their brand of non-hierarchical structure and a belief in direct

action is now essential to a weary working class that has seen its environment and civil rights whittled away. All we have on offer is a Labour party that is nothing but light blue in policy and other trot groups who want nothing but power and dictatorship. The IWW is a union organisation defending workers rights on the shop floor as well as organising to defeat the capitalist system.

As many EF!ers know, the link between Wobblies and EF! is very close in the US. Judi Barrie

who spent so much energy forging links between Lumber Workers and environmentalists was both a wobbly and EFler. Many of us who have organised EF! action over here have



"Oh my God! We've had the police!"

tried to gain support from those in the companies that we have targeted, and in most cases have been successful. If we are really to build a green society then we've got to have jobs. Only by putting forward sound alternatives, will we get the backing of people who though they may be concerned about the environment are also concerned about where the next sum of money to pay there bills is going to come from. For so long now the green movement has been a middle class body, that has had nothing to do with ordinary folk who are struggling to survive, social issues are remote from its campaigning.

DO OR DIE will be having a regular Wobblies page with up to date news, views etc, so to those who are presently fighting an E.C.-Issue in the workplace etc, write in.

The IWW will be having its first conference in February for members and a public open meeting in the evening. It would be good if EFlers could get along for that. There is also a workshop planned for the spring on community organising, skills that EF! desperately need, more details in the next issue. Public Meeting, 13 Feb., North room, Conway, Red lion sq, London, WC1 begins at 7.30

To find more about joining the IWW, then contact F.LEE, 22 Vicarage Lane, Belgrave, Leicester.

Timber Wars!

and other writings- £1.50

By Judi Barrie

Judi's account of the Eco-workers coalition against Pacific N-west Timber, and the CIA carbomb attack on her life.

Available from IWW UK

Attacks on bio-technology in the Netherlands.

On the weekend of July 27/28 1991 3 fields of genetically manipulated plants in the Netherlands were destroyed by a clandestine action group calling itself the Razende Roeters, (the Raging Diggers). In the town of Rilland, a field of genetically manipulated corn, owned by a subsidiary of the Dutch Corporation Suikerunie, was razed while fields of genetically altered potatoes, from the Belgian firm Plant Genetic Systems, were destroyed in the towns of Wageningen & Bant. These two last fields were operated by the Hettema corporation in conjunction with Prosperina BV. In total, the attacks caused tens of thousands of dollars damage and set back the genetic tests by one to two years.

The Dutch press, of course, reacted furiously to the attacks. What's more, they made note of the fact that the Dutch autonomist paper NN had listed the addresses of corporate testing fields of genetically manipulated plants in its issue No.89.

To explain their actions, the Razende Roeters issued a lengthy communique which was likewise published in NN. The Razende Roeters defend their militant approach in their communique:

"The destruction of a test field is designed to both start a discussion on the subject of bio-technology, as well as to offer a direct counter to pro-biotechnology propaganda in the form of sabotage.

Resistance-in whatever form to biotechnology is not only necessary, it is also legitimate.

But the group not only defended their tactics in the communique, they go on to further discuss the theoretical necessities of offering concrete resistance to biotechnology.

Technology is playing an increasingly greater role in food

production. This means multi-national corporations are controlling a greater and greater share of the worlds essential resources. At the same time, the uses of biotechnology reduce the multi-national's dependence on local resources, thus opening the door to total artificial food production. Thus, local popula-

tions become increasingly dependent on the products of multi-nationals. But do consumers really want food production to be entirely artificial and thus, corporate owned? To ensure that the public does wish such a "Luxury", biotechnology multi-nationals spend millions of dollars annually on their public relations/propaganda budgets.

Just as with the Green Revolution, the use of of biotechnology will bring great gains to the food production sector, yet it will also carry with it newer and bigger problems. Far from solving the world's hunger problem, (which actually stems from unequal distribution and not from under-production) biotechnology will simply serve to further marginalise the third World. The use of biotechnology will be destructive to the environment, as genetically manipulated fields require certain "necessary" chemical applications, (which the multi-nationals can themselves gladly supply). What's more, the proliferation of manipulated plants will result in a drastic loss of genetic diversity. Already, 50% of the worlds population are fed by three plants: wheat, rice and corn. Biotechnology would drastically reduce varieties of these plants. Also, 93% of the present world's supply of genetic data is stored in the gene banks of Western corporations and scientific institutes.

What will result from this, of course, is a highly paternalistic and grossly racist attitude on the part of multinationals toward indigenous farming peoples. The use of biotechnology is racist against the Third World, because societies which had long since grown accustomed to reaping harvests with locally available labour and tried

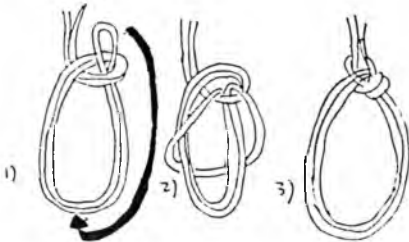


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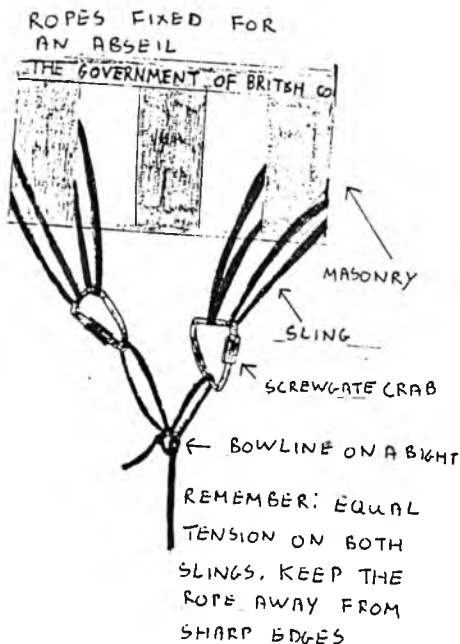
and trusted farming techniques will be cast off as primitive and inefficient. For in comes the "benevolent" multi-national with its highly-skilled staff of white western employees, its stocks of chemicals, and its immense reserves of capital...All of this will result in environmental, economic, political, and cultural marginalisation of the Third World societies.

It is now important that the green movement begins to formulate a coherent critique of biotechnology and begin to work out an effective and concrete strategy to resist its implementation. As the events of the Netherlands have demonstrated, direct action has raised the issue to the general public and so put multi-nationals on the defensive. So if there are potential raging diggers out there, please get digging, and we'd love to hear from you.

BOWLINE ON A BLIGHT



THE FINISHED KNOT HAS TWO LOOPS, ONE ADJUSTABLE TO THE OTHER BOTH CAN BE SHORTENED BY FEEDING THE SHORT END



Everything you wanted to know about absailing (But were afraid to ask).

Absailing/ropelling/sliding down a rope can be spectacular, is easy to learn and is a useful skill for both banner hanging and direct action- if you are suspended on a rope 15m above the ground it can be a real problem for the police to get you down.

To start with, you will need a good rope, the ideal stuff costs £1 a metre, is 9mm in diameter and static, i.e. it doesn't stretch too much. This sort of rope is used by potholers- climbing rope is much more expensive. It is quite possible to make a harness, but unless you know exactly what you are doing you should procure a made one. This should be comprised of leg loops and a waist belt, so that your body weight is on your thighs-NOT around your waist. For absailing from buildings a chest harness and helmet will improve safety.

There are many different types of absailing devices around but they all work by creating friction against the rope so that you slide down in a controlled manner. A 'figure of eight' is probably the cheapest device and it is easy to use too. You will also need some 'Carabiners', clips for connecting ropes and your device to the harness etc, a spring gate(pear shaped) is best for the latter. Always use locking carabiners- people are dying regularly from snap links opening on them. Finally, a selection of slings is useful for anchoring the rope to the bridge, tree etc.

It is obviously vital that the rope is securely attached at the top, it is good practice to always take two attachment points. The ideal way to do this is tie a bowline on a blight (see diagram) then lock slings around two independent pieces of masonry etc, each of which should be more than capable of taking your weight with carabiners. Lock the absail rope to the slings with the same crab. Adjust the knot so that the tension is equal on both slings- see diagram.

It is vitally important that the rope does not run over a sharp edge, the swing movement of a rope with an absailer on it can cut through the rope. When most people first absail they usually find that physically getting over the edge and standing the descent is the hardest part. The best way of starting is to lock the device off (with a figure of

eight hold the part of the rope that is below the device behind your back), step off the edge, get your weight on to the rope, unlock and slide down. ALWAYS hold the line rope tightly, use the other hand for balance/holding device but make sure your fingers don't get caught.

Obviously you should practice these techniques from a tree or something, from a height where a complete loss of control will not cost you your life. Even better, get an experienced person to teach you. I'm quite prepared to teach any real eco-nutters, anarcho's and wobblies etc etc. I quite enjoy teaching people, you could die if you try and teach yourself, so get in touch. You can contact me- Slippery Steve c/o North Downs EF!

A FIGURE OF EIGHT



Dear Nora,

Dear Nora...

The wonderful 'Tooth Faeries Revenge' works very well, only use a candle instead of joss sticks. For those who've never heard of the TFR, well here we go. First put something inflammable (paraffin) into plastic containers and then shove two sponges soaked in the same stuff taped in between the containers. Stick candle between sponges. But try it out and find your beast methods.

Lulu and the Long-legged Luddites

Dear Nora,

A real good way of fucking up diesel engines is to put zinc filing into it, of course if one can't find those, then use water or sugar. Dismantling the sump is also a good tactic, it really tears up the engine.

The Hill ELFlin

Dear Nora,

What's all this about exploding condoms? Does putting a lighter into a condom, with a few match heads in the tip, then attaching a fuse really work? I've heard that its blown windows and doors off, can those who have tried write in and give tips and PROOF.

Noggin the Nomad

Dear Nora,

For smashing windows a good catapult is the best thing. Black Widow does a sound make, obtainable for about £8 from gun shops. You only have to make a few holes in a large window and they have to replace it, especially if they have security sound systems. Ballbearings are best, but a few old nuts will do the trick.

Happy hunting!

Faradawn and the Western
Storm ELFlis.

If you armchair activists want to cause animal abusers economic damage without all that running around at night, getting your shoes dirty and risking arrest business. The below suggestions can provide months of free fun.

EYE TESTS

Ring Boots opticians and book an eye test under a false name- this costs Boots £10-15 a time and serves the bastards right for putting out phoney "Cruelty free" products whilst retaining their own vivisection lab. at Thurgatton.

FREEPOST

Post bricks or empty envelopes to Boots without enclosing a return address- each brick costs them £3.10. Boots Health and Nutrition Advice, Boots co PLC, Freepost, Nottingham, NG2 3AA. The Field, Freepost 344, Oxford, OX2 0DP.

FREEPHONE

Dial from a payphone and leave the phone off the hook as it continues to charge-6p minute cheap rate, 12p standard rate and 16 peak rate.

Burger King 0800 181167

Dairy Crest 0800 181016

American Express 08800 521313

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Gandalf

Guerilla Gardening or TERRAist Forestry

Whilst spending our energies stopping those who would rather see Britain as one complete ribbon of asphalt, let us not forget that we have the power to reclaim that which the developers have already defiled.

Always keep the seed of the mighty oak, sycamore and the yew with you and plant wherever they leave a space: on roundabouts, verges, parks (homogenised mockeries of nature).

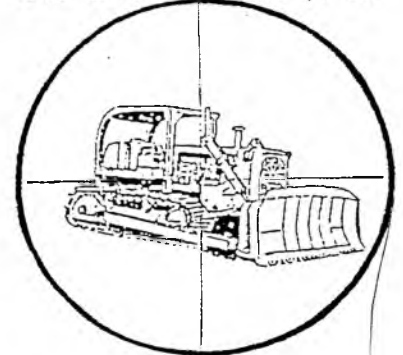
Make up seed bombs, find varieties of wild flowers and herbs mix the seeds with wallpaper paste, (check that it does not contain a fungicide), place the mixture in small quantities in paper bags, and spread the seed where you will. From bicycles onto verges, from trains onto embankments- let us



- re-seed, re-seed.

note: Always check that you use native species to your local bio-region. For info on obtaining seeds contact SDEF!

General Winstanley Junior
(Elder ELFl of the the tree spirits)



TERRA-IST

The Wessex ELFlin hit machines at Twyford Down over the winter solstice, causing thousands of pounds of damage. This naturally slowed down work considerably. Other hits were made on Tarmac Construction sites around Southampton.

Whatley Quarry near Frome was visited by sprites who covered the gates in suitable red slogans. They also ventured into the site where various activities were carried out.

The A.L.F. in the southeast has been busy with various attacks on hunters and vivisectionists homes. "Shifting sands", the Brighton cafe/restaurant that gained national notoriety for its exotic choice of sauteed squirrel-meat dish, closed on the 2nd of December after considerable public outrage and 'vandalism' by the A.L.F..

Meanwhile just north of Southampton a forestry commission

Controlling squirrel populations, was firebombed destroying years of records, and two rooms in the process.

Tesco's has been finding 're-introduced' cockroaches in their stores all over the south-east, as EFL shows solidarity with Golden Hill. Unfortunately this has led to a number of their stores temporarily closing due to health and safety law.

The EFL in Oxford caused havoc as they came out in support of Golden Hill's anti-Tesco's campaign. Tesco's were opening a new store in Didcot, near Oxford. A few nights before opening day, bogus £10 free vouchers were pushed through local peoples doors. So of course when Tesco's opened there doors on the monday, they suddenly found hundreds of locals lining up waving their vouchers in their hands, demanding satisfaction. Angry scenes erupted as customers pressed management to honour their word. This event caused really bad press for the company. This kind of Forgery is a very effective idea and can really cause a lot of chaos and economic damage.

All around the country advertising boards have been torn, burnt, ripped and sawn down to combat the consumerism of Xmas. In Brighton 22 boards were 'neutralised' on the night of the 19th of December. BUGA UP (Billboard Utilising Graffitiists Against Unhealthy Promotions), the EFL cell responsible told DoD that they will continue to "Resist the Enclosure of Art".

The A.L.F. in London has been having a smashing time- on the 16th of September ten butchers were bricked or glued and couple of bookies and Boots premises were also done over. A month later (25th of October) five more butchers, a bookmaker and the home of a Mr. McCallum, an abusive pet shop owner in the Harrow area were also hit.

The Elves have suggested that the 14th Feb be the next Earth night, for all those Lovers of the Earth. they do ask that this time there is really wide spread damage, both from EFL and the A.L.F. or to use a nice phrase "Set the night on Fire".

Class war held their Community Resistance conference in October. speakers came from all over the the country, from Manchester to the mining communities. All told stories of oppression and police violence, the way that the state is destroying our commu-

nities. The 5th of November was declared a day of community action. EFL sent around posters inviting 'the little folk to strike back!', various hits have been jumping around the grapevine- but nothing definite as yet.

The A.L.F. have put the European headquarters of Pitman Moore Ltd. (vivisectionists) under surveillance. They let the world know when they daubed the Edware home of its director, Mr. A. Saunders, with red paint on the night of 8th of October. In a subsequent communique, the A.L.F. said that they had "names, addresses and vehicle registration numbers of researchers, technicians, administration staff and cleaners...of architects, building contractors, suppliers, waste disposal and couriers, and lots more". They warned that if those named continue to work for Pitman Moore, their property would be damaged or destroyed.

Six weeks later, on the 22nd November, the A.L.F. raided the Rentokill National Headquarters in Felcourt, East Grinstead, Sussex. They liberated 40 mice used to test pesticides. Of the three test colonies freed, two were of wild mice and the third a control colony- by liberating the last colony, Toxicol's experiments have been wrecked. The A.L.F. demanded that other mice held by Rentokill should be returned to the wild and threatened a national campaign of economic sabotage against the poisoners if experiments were resumed.

The wood campaign in defence of the world's forests has moved a step further, as incendiary devices have been discovered in 3 different B&Q stores around the country, Edinburgh, Liverpool and Milton Keynes. Three individual EFL cells have claimed responsibility. MKEFL told DoD in a communique that, 'The campaign will continue until D.I.Y. stores around the country no longer stock unsustainable timber'. None of the Incendiaries have as yet gone off but watch the news for further details.

On June 1st, the A.L.F. liberated 29 cats from the University of Alberta Bio-Animal Kennels and did \$100,00 damage. After trawling through American A.L.F./Earth First! supporters, officers of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and the Edmonton Police Intelligence Unit arrested Darren Thurston and Grant Horwood.

Grant has now been given bail, but further charges have been piled on darren- for torching

trucks on 5th December 1991, "defacing" three Fur Council of Canada Billboards, torching a Hook Outdoor Advertising truck (they work for the Fur Council), on 18th December 1991, and attempted arson to a Duelle Packers van on New Years day, 1992. Darren has been refused bail three times so Darren should come to trial within the next six months. -Source EFL Journal, USA

Contact ALFSG Canada, P.O. Box 75029, Ritchie Post office, Edmonton, Alberta, T63 6K1 and

Darren Thurston, c/o Edmonton Remand Centre, 9660-104 Avenue, Edmonton, Alberta, T5H

To all prisoners inside this season. Greetings & never think your forgotten.

'Keep the Spirit Strong'.

The Earth liberation Front (ELF) distributed leaflets to North Oxford residents calling for a campaign of sabotage against a house building project of St. John's College at the trap grounds near port Meadow, Oxford. The leaflet stresses that the college plans to build "Luxury homes and a marina" would threaten wildlife on the Trap Grounds wetlands, a nature reserve area. The ELF in urges residents to damage construction equipment on the building site saying that "because sabotage isn't legal doesn't mean it's mindless violence or vandalism". It gives the example of the Glebe Field site, where a victory was gained in 1989, using sabotage tactics. Of course the college hasn't officially made up there mind on the options for the site, but they were certainly upset at the tone of the leaflet. They are attempting to distance themselves, by saying they are being confused with another company bidding for the land. The ELF in say this is crap and that the college are just getting feared.

The "Flicker" (cops) have described the leaflet as a serious offence, and that nobody should take the law into their own hands, (who's going to protect our land then? Them?). They say that they have not come into contact with the ELF before, well all the elves can reply, is give a few weeks and you wish you hadn't.

Bits & Bobs!

Some useful things for your rucksack: Recommended Journals

The Ecologist- At £3 a copy it might sound a bit steep, but it speaks the truth. This is the journal that gave birth to our movement- it doesn't ponce about being environmentalist, it doesn't worry about it's image. To give you an indication of the contents of this marvellous publication I'll give you some of it's article titles from the last 3 issues. 'Tunnel vision- The lessons from Twyford Down', 'Ruining the Commons: Coastal Over-fishing and Fishworkers actions in South India', 'Out of the frying pan: Chemical Weapons incineration in the US', 'Development as Enclosure' and 'Power: The Central Issue'. Prominent EFlers like John Seed are associate editors.

GREEN REVOLUTION: The paper of the Green Libertarian left, does have a strong Marxist angle, but thank god not a dogmatic one. The latest issue has a strong emphasis on women and revolution, a good read. Green Revolution have organised EFl type action in Bristol and were active in the Golden Hill campaign. The paper pushes a very strong social angle, which is essential for the movement. It has done some good EFl articles, actually defining where the movement comes from. At times giving more discussion to it than some of EFl's own productions.

For more info, on either the magazine or the Bristol group contact: Green Revolution, P.O. Box 845, Bristol, BS99 5HQ

GREEN ANARCHIST- No real comment apart from that without it the movement would be boring. Some good articles in the last issue which is devoted to fighting Fascism. GA also provide a good update on EFl/ELF! and A.L.F. actions. Contact: GA, Box 22, 111 Magdalen road, Oxford.

DO OR DIE

This mag is produced by various EFl groups with the intention of circulating ideas that we all desperately need. The mag will come out every two months, with an Action Update in between.

We suggest a subscription of £5 for the year. All monies to Hastings EFl!

Articles and Communiques for March DoD should be received by the 10th of Feb,

the Action update is 20th January. Send DoD copy to Mid Somerset EFl, and A.U. copy to Hastings EFl!

URGENT! URGENT!

EFl desperately needs people with resources and training they can offer. We need to hear from you what ever skills you have. Do you scuba-dive, are you in the publishing business, can you-paragliding, absall, own a micro light, a balloon, basically anything that you think EFl may find useful.

APOLOGIES

Sorry if this mag is in a bit of a state, it was all rushed towards the end as the layout "staff" found themselves lying under bulldozers at Twyford-more info in the next issue. We shall be able to produce it properly next time. Hope you buy Do or Die again. Love and kryptoes,

Lots of love the Ents
Worshippers!

North Wales

If you are interested in taking part in a North Wales EFl Roadshow at Easter, contact SDEF!

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If you want to spread the word you can do it in two ways. One, if you've got access to cheap photocopying print up copies of this yourself, we don't mind, we are not capitalists. Or you can order DoD (5 copies upwards) from SDEF! at 20p each.



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H3 WINCHESTER

I have been asked to thank you for your letter of 19 March to the Secretary of State for Transport about the H3 around Winchester.

The Department understands your concerns about the scheme and notes your comments but the decision to go ahead with a cutting through Twyford Down was not taken lightly. It followed some twenty years of debate and four Public Inquiries held by Independent Inspectors who considered a wide range of environmental issues and many alternative options, including tunnels. None of the main alternatives would have avoided designated areas and the approved scheme will have some significant environmental gains. In particular, the existing A33 Winchester Bypass will be removed and grassed over to restore the historic link between Winchester and St Catherine's Hill.

I am sorry I cannot give you a more welcome reply but the Department is satisfied that against the background and long history of the scheme, this urgently needed and last remaining link in the motorway should be completed as quickly as possible.

Yours sincerely

PR [Signature]



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